



Mary F. Anderson, DDS

July 3, 1933 - April 18, 2017

Mary F. Anderson, DDS of Aurora, Illinois, passed away peacefully at Grancare NursingCenter in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at the age of 83.

Mary was born July 3rd, 1933, in Plano, Illinois, the daughter of Roy Allen Foster, DDS and Wilda Ione VanKirk. She followed in her father's footsteps, and matriculated from the University of Illinois in Chicago College of Dentistry in 1960, at a time when only about 1.2% of American dentists were women.

She practiced general, solo dentistry in Aurora, IL from 1960 until retiring in 2006, and considered her dental staff as her second family. Mary was an avid poker and contract bridge player, loved all music (especially opera), travel, roller coasters, nature, photography, art, reading, and designed and crafted beautiful lost wax cast jewelry using her finely honed dental skills. She especially brought her love of travel, people, and creativity together through her lifelong passion for cooking. Mary was also passionate about many causes, provided pro bono dental services throughout her many years in practice, and supported numerous humanitarian, animal rights, and environmental organizations. She converted to Roman Catholicism in the early 1980s and was a member of St. Rita of Cascia Church where she found comforting support from the priests, nuns, and many treasured friends.

She is survived by her sons, Allen C. (Robin) Foster, MD and Eric F. Anderson; her daughter, Mary K. (Steve) Foster-Dubovik; her four grandsons, Robert and Thomas Foster, and Henry and Felix Foster-Dubovik; her brothers, Robert D. (June) Foster, DDS and John (Mary Ann) Foster, MD; her dear friend, Joan (Don) Breyne, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Allen H. Foster, DDS and his wife, Kay, her brother, Ray T. Foster, MD and his wife, Rita, and her former husband, Jake R. Anderson.

Visitation will be at the Moss Family Funeral Home in Batavia, Illinois, on Saturday, May 27th beginning at 10 AM, and Pastor Kristin M. Foster will officiate the memorial service there at 12 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Giant Steps Autism Awareness Organization (mygiantsteps.org), the Anderson Animal Shelter, or to the Morton Arboretum.